

NOMINATION FOR AWARD		
AWARD General Thomas D. White Natural Resources Award	CATEGORY (If Applicable) TEAM	AWARD PERIOD 1 OCT 00 - 30 SEP 03
RANK/NAME OF NOMINEE (First, Middle Initial, Last)	SSN (Enter Last 4 Only)	MAJCOM, FOA, OR DRU USAFE
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SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Use single spaced, bullet format) CONDUCTING INVENTORIES OF NATURAL RESOURCES: Track birds, bees and trees on 5,144 acres! - Phenomenal team! Key flight in 86 CEG winning the 2002 Curtin Award--Biggest, Busiest, and the Best! - Completed the largest natural resources inventory for Rhein-Main transition Air Traffic Act Permit (ATAP) - Novel approach will place six management plans on flight web site--customer focused, simple, quick service - Completed thorough \$25K endangered species survey--base planners use information saving time and money -- Detailed inventory determined that 19 of 67 fauna species on the state's Red List are found on Ramstein AB -- Manage 100+ acres of important and high quality biotopes--partnered with engineers to minimize impacts - Instrumental in developing tree inventory--clearly defined 400 acres of base forests; priceless planning tool PREPARING AND IMPLEMENTING INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCES PLANS: Dedicated to plans - Key player in the development of \$55K Integrated Natural Resource and Management Plan--USAFE standard - Increased flight safety by implementing \$80K bird aircraft strike avoidance plan--decreased strikes by 50%! -- Detailed inventory and survey recommends measures to reduce bird strikes without disrupting environment - Sensibly invested \$100K for eight major environmental plans updates--cornerstone of program management APPLYING INNOVATIVE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES: Thinking outside the box to find solutions! - 150+ meetings with German Forestmeister ensures all mission-required tree cuttings approved and complete - Implemented web-based asbestos database--identifies \$2M asbestos/abatement projects for proper removal - Exemplary Operation of USAFE's only on-base biological soil treatment facility--ensured no work stoppages -- Over 25,000 cubic meters of soil treated last two years--zero disposal cost, short haul routes saved \$900K -- New \$480K bio treatment facility now complete--new location, upgraded equipment, improved operations - Eliminating Ramstein's #1 offender--contamination plume one kilometer in length a threat to drinking water -- \$2.3M spent, \$3.2M programmed to close site by 2013--treatment plant constructed, operation underway - Innovative \$220K groundwater modeling database pinpoints contamination--focuses efforts and resources PROTECTING WETLANDS AND OTHER SPECIAL NATURAL AREAS: Balance mission and environment - Single-handedly saved 160-year old beech trees; pressed for parking lot redesign that required no tree cutting - Tirelessly sited the Eagle Vision satellite farm--saved 2.5 acres of old growth forest from being destroyed - Extraordinary initiative--streamlined the Environmental Impact Analysis Process--over 3,500 projects, designs, work orders, and digging permits coordinated annually by our team--fast turn around, no surprises -- Ramp 1 project critical to air base future--five mandatory environmental studies led to sustainable design -- Instrumental in siting \$157M American-type shopping mall--saved biotopes, wetlands, forests by 32% footprint reduction and using innovative cobble stone parking lot--easily obtained water right permissions - Spearheaded ATAP process--most significant impact to natural resources in Kaiserslautern area in 50 years -- Plan implements \$9.8M in compensation measures for threatened species, wetlands, forests and biotopes PROMOTING CONSERVATION EDUCATION: Teaching all generations the importance of conservation! - Garnered "Tree City USA" distinction for outstanding stewardship of forest land located on 5,144 acres - Directly contributed to "Clean up the World Day"--100+ school-aged participants picked up trash in forests - Ongoing education and training guarantees 44,000 people in community know how, what, when to recycle - Outstanding relations with German officials--working groups have met 53 times to quickly resolve issues -- Annual briefings to local mayors on restoration prgm--assures them their individual communities are safe - High level of environmental awareness--annually briefed 2,500+ newcomers assigned to six installations - Organized Earth Week celebrations--over 400 scouts, students, and base personnel participate each year - Routinely published in Rheinland Pfalz newspaper--strengthens relationship with local German community - Celebrated first ever Arbor Day with local mayors, base leadership, and local school--planted over 30 trees - Partnered with base planners to develop a nature trail--fun way to educate community on native ecology		